

LACDMH CELEBRATES CEDAR SPRINGS GROUNDBREAKING

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On Thursday, January 29, 2015, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) celebrated the groundbreaking for the Cedar Springs Apartments in the city of La Verne, located in Supervisor Mike Antonovich's Fifth District.

The community came out in full support of the project. "Nothing succeeds unless community supports it, and this turn out today shows me it will fully succeed. Thank you," said Marvin Southard, DSW, LACDMH Director.



The groundbreaking marked the beginning of construction for the housing community developed by David and Margaret Youth and Family Services and its partner A Community of Friends. The Cedar Springs Apartment Housing Development is partially funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), and consists of 36 total units. Twenty-five of the units will house Transition Age Youth (TAY), ten will serve low-income families and one apartment will be reserved for the on-site manager.

The housing development is an expansion to the already existing David and Margaret Youth and Family Services which has been in the community for more than 110 years.



Cedar Springs will also include a retail space and community building with a kitchen, computer room and media room. Completion is slated for March 2016.

Supporters of the Cedar Springs community include LACDMH, California Housing Finance Agency, California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, Citi Foundation, Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles, Corporation for Supportive Housing, California Department of Housing and Community Development, Enterprise Community Investment, Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles, Tri-City Mental Health and Wells Fargo Bank.

